

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of **2.63 ha** forest land in Compartment No.1148 of Ingurthy(East) R.F. for extraction of black granite in favour of M/s Ramineni Exports in Warangal District – **Final (Stage-II) approval** accorded – Orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.I) DEPARTMENNT  
G.O.Ms.No. 24  
Dated: 24-07-2020  
Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, AP, Lr. No.23664/2007/F2, Dt:19-04-2008.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.3154/For.I(1)/2008-2, Dt:16-10-2008 & Dated:05-12-2013.
3. From GOI, MoEF&CC, F.No.4-APB545/2018-CHN/1122, Dt.17.07.2018.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Rc.No.23664/2007/FCA-2, Dt:22.10.2019.
5. From Govt. Lr.No.3154/For.I(1)/2008, dt.05.11.2019.
6. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-APB545/2018-CHN/0219, Dt.07.02.2020.

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ORDER

In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of **2.63 ha** forest land in Compartment No.1148 of Ingurthy (East) R.F. for extraction of black granite in favour of M/s Ramineni Exports in Warangal District.

2. In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

4. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in the letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Central Government have granted final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **2.63 ha** forest land in Compartment No.1148 of Ingurthy(East) R.F. for extraction of black granite in favour of M/s Ramineni Exports in Warangal District, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- (2) Legal state Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters, from the amount realized from the User Agency. The State Forest Department shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the outer boundary within the mining lease area);
- (3) Compensatory afforestation over an extent of 3.60 ha of non-forest land identified in Sy No. 308 & 309 at Konapur (V), Kodmial Mandal shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department, from the amount realized from the User Agency;
- (4) Non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the notification, to GoI, MoEFS&CC, Chennai office for information and record;
- (5) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be changed by the State Government from the User Agency;
- (6) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area and the dugout material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area;
- (7) In case of the mining leases adjoining the habitation stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the User Agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/ regeneration activities in the safety zone;
- (8) The safety zone shall be maintained as green belt around the mining lease and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken in this area by the State Forest Department, from the amount realized from the User Agency;
- (9) The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere measuring one and half times the area of forest land under safety zone, from the amount realized from the User Agency;
- (10) The User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease;

- (11) The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner and take due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan shall be executed by the User Agency in a phased manner as per the approved mining plan/ scheme and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Telangana and the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forest, Regional Officer (South Eastern Zone), Chennai. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the State Government of the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;
- (12) The mining shall be done in the forest area in accordance with the approved mining plan from the competent authority and mining area shall not be opened up hapazardly; Mining plan approved by the competent authority shall be submitted to GoI, MoEFS&CC, Chennai office within six months of receipt of this order;
- (13) Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under. Approved mining lease order shall be furnished to GoI, MoEFS&CC, Chennai office for information and record purpose;
- (14) The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (protection) Act, 1986;
- (15) The consent of State pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed annually;
- (16) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the side so avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- (17) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (18) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;
- (19) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **2.63 ha** (including safety zone area);
- (20) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

- (21) A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked;
- (22) The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to GoI, MoEFS&CC, Chennai office and to the State Government;
- (23) Any other condition that the Deputy Director General of Forests(Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
- (24) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as provided under FCA, 1980 and rules and guidelines framed thereunder.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTI KUMARI,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

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M/s Ramineni Exports, Warangal District.

PS to Hon'ble M (F&E).

PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government (Forest),  
EFS&T Department.

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